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For: JOINING METHOD AND DEVICE PRODUCED BY THIS METHOD AND JOINING UNIT

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed **May 8, 2009**, the present response is being filed by the one-month extended due date of **September 8, 2009**. Please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer as follows, as well as consider the following remarks. A request for extension of time accompanies this response.